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Update on the Brentwood Tax Assessment Cyclical Data Collection Project

The Brentwood Cyclical Data Collection project is entering the first phase of a 2+ year process to ensure accurate data is represented on each owner's property assessment record. Jim Michaud, the Town's tax assessor contractor hired by the Brentwood Board of Selectmen, will be in town measuring and listing property starting in December of 2008 and continuing through 2010.

Jim has photo identification issued by, and his vehicle information on record at, the Brentwood Police Department. The data collection has started in the northern part of town and will move southerly from there.

It is necessary that property owners please allow the data collectors to inspect the interior as well as conduct exterior measurements of all buildings on the site. If no one is home at the time the data collector arrives, he will leave a yellow call-back card with a phone number for the property owner to call to schedule an interior inspection.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the Brentwood Board of Selectmen's Office at: 642-6400, ext. 10. Thank you for your cooperation.

Board of Selectmen

Brentwood Fire Department

The Brentwood Fire Department responded to 26 emergency and 39 non-emergency calls during the month of April. We had 10 medical aid calls and 16 fire calls. The fire responses are further broken down below:

2 structure fires	2 motor vehicle collisions
3 odor investigations	1 vehicle fire
3 fire alarm activations	3 woodland fires
2 responses for illegal burning	

More than half the service calls were brush permit inspections. If you are interested in getting a burn permit, call the fire station at 642-8132 Monday through Friday, 7am to 5 pm. If you want to burn on the weekend, call on Friday before 5 pm.

Lt. A. Prina

May Recycling Pick-up Dates

May 12 & 13

May 26 & 27

Annual White Goods Pick-up

Our annual white goods pick-up will take place on **Saturday, May 16**. Residents must purchase a sticker from the Selectmen's office at \$10 for each item. For any items containing Freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) the owner must present proof of Freon evacuation when purchasing the sticker. Items must be placed roadside by 7am. Any questions can be directed to the Selectmen's office at 642-6400 x10.

Possible Bulky Goods Disposal Coming

In addition, the Selectmen are working with Northside Carting to establish a means to dispose of bulky goods (furniture and bedding only, **not** construction debris, yard debris, tires, hazardous materials, computers, monitors, etc). At this point it looks like they will be locating a dumpster at the Highway Shed in which these bulky goods may be disposed. The date that this will begin has not been established as of yet. Please check our website, www.brentwoodnh.gov, for more information as it becomes available.

Julie Stevens, Town Administrator

Scholarship Offered

The Brentwood Firemen's Association is offering a scholarship in memory of all deceased Brentwood Fire Department personnel. The \$500.00 scholarship may be awarded to a town resident, member of the fire department, or a member of his/her family. The scholarship criterion is a high school graduate pursuing his/her first year of higher education towards a career in the fire/EMS services or medical field. For further information, and an application, stop in at the fire house.

Brentwood Firemen's Association

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Monday–Thursday 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday evening 7:00-9:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30
 Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 On the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

Notes from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- ▶ The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed May 20, to allow attendance at the Seacoast Regional Workshop.
- ▶ Fines for dog licenses must be imposed starting June 1st. Renewals should have been done by April 30.
- ▶ The renewal letters for May motor vehicle registrations have been mailed. These letters are generated by the State but mailed by the Town Clerk's office. Remember two checks or cash are needed.
- ▶ From the Tax Collector's Office: Partial payments on taxes are permitted.

Police Association Sponsoring a Raffle

The Brentwood Police Department has had an informal police association for some time, and one of its primary activities has been to provide a scholarship for a Brentwood high school senior who is continuing his/her education in any field. In January of this year an official Brentwood Police Association was formed. One result is that they can now hold fundraisers to provide more substantial scholarship awards.

Their first fundraising raffle will be for a major prize: two Honda TRX250EX four-wheelers and a new aluminum trailer to transport them. The drawing will be on September 1. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available at the Police Department and the Town Clerk's office. The police are also selling tickets at the major events at New England Dragway from now until September 1. The Association invites everyone to take a chance on this great raffle for a worthy cause.

Sgt. Randal Frotton

President, Brentwood Police Association

The Food Pantry in Brentwood

The Food Pantry for the Town of Brentwood is located at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 197 Middle Road in Brentwood. Non-perishable food items are available for any who have need. If you would like to visit the food pantry, please call Rev. Kim McKerley at the church. The number is 778-3189.

Waste Tonnage Figures

	February	March
Tons, mixed solid waste	90.86	114.00
Tons, recycled goods	20.09 (18.1%)	24.23 (18%)

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Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,
 or e-mail to lindarou@rcn.com

Brentwood 4th of July Committee

It is hard to believe that another year has passed and we are all looking toward summer. As we do that we are also starting to make plans for Brentwood's traditional 4th of July Celebration.

We are deeply concerned that we will not be able to meet our \$7,000 goal for this year. We know that everyone is experiencing challenging economic times. That is why we have started our fund raising already this year. You may have noticed the collection jar on the Town Clerks' counter and that has brought the fund up to \$200.00 already. There will also be a collection jar at the Brentwood Country Store.

This celebration is totally dependent on voluntary donations. As always we will be looking to our local and surrounding businesses for their continued generous support of the spectacular fireworks display that is the climax of the evening. You as ordinary citizens also are a major source of support for this celebration. Help us keep the tradition alive! **Donations may be sent to:**

**The 4th of July Committee
1 Dalton Road
Brentwood, NH 03833**

Thank You

I want to thank all of you who voted for me in this past Town election. Just as important, I want to thank those who stood by me as my qualifications to sit on the Board of Selectmen were challenged.

The Attorney General's Office has ruled in a letter dated April 14, 2009 that my working as a part-time office clerk in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office does not present a conflict of interest. At this point I am not only relieved that my understanding of the law was correct, but I will not have to choose between serving all the residents of Brentwood and a job that I enjoy and rely on.

I want you and my other colleagues to know that it is my intention to be a Selectman committed to working in a spirit of cooperation and fairness in exercising my duty to you, the law and the full Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully,
Jane L. Byrne

Mailing Team for April Issue

Many thanks on behalf of the town to the following residents of the Brentwood Forest neighborhood for assembling the April issue of the *Newsletter* for mailing: Tara Ball, Deb Claar, Torie Freeman, Sue McConnell, Wendy McGonigle, Bethel Stephens and Jackie Talevich.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Public Invited to Meet Zimbabwe Visitors

Members of Pilgrim United Church of Christ Brentwood-Kingston invite you to join them as they welcome visitors from their partner church in Zimbabwe, Africa. Twelve people from Zimbabwe will be spending two weeks in New Hampshire, and two of the visitors, Michael and Gladys Kashangura, will be at Pilgrim Church from May 18-25. We would love to have you join us for some of our gatherings with them.

On Friday, May 22 we will host a pot-luck supper at the church, beginning at 5:30. Bring a dish to share and join us for a meal and for an evening of fun and games! (One of our guests is intrigued by American card games and board games, and wants to see a few in action!!) We will also share a few Zimbabwean songs and our guests will share some stories about life in their church and in Zimbabwe.

On Sunday, May 24 we will have a Fellowship Breakfast at 9:00 AM, worship led by our guests at 10:30, followed by a slide show--photos from Zimbabwe.

On Friday, May 29 we will have another pot-luck supper, this time hosted with the Congregational Church in Exeter, UCC and including several more members of the travel delegation. Beginning at 6:00 PM, we will share a meal, then have time for music and conversation. Please join us, and bring a dish to share.

Reservations are not required at any of the gatherings, but we would like to have an idea how many people to expect, so if you plan to come and can let us know, we'd appreciate it. You may email the church at pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org or phone 778-3189.

We have waited 10 years to have an opportunity to host guests from our partner church, and are delighted that the time is finally here! We invite you to share our joy!

Rev. Kimberly McKerley

News from Willow Pond Community Farm

Activity is beginning at the farm with the warmer and drier weather. Our farmer, Maggie Donovan, has been tilling the fields and preparing to plant vegetables for about 65 families this season. At the same time literally thousands of seedlings are growing happily in Joe Gancarz's greenhouse on Lake Road, both for transplanting at Willow Pond Farm and for sale at **our annual plant sale Saturday, May 23, from 9 AM--12 noon at Pilgrim Church on Rte. 111A.**

We will offer many varieties of organically grown vegetables and you can **PREORDER** by going to our website www.willowpondfarm.org and **downloading an order form**. This way you can reserve your plants ahead and pick them up at the sale May 23rd. See you there!

Joan Pratt for the Core Group

Brentwood Recreation News

Softball/Baseball season has started!

A big thank you to all the parents, coaches and players who helped on field clean-up day. We had a great turnout of helpers and the fields look great. Thank you to all our team and field sponsors as well. Your support helps make our program possible

Cribbage Anyone?

A cribbage group has formed and begun meeting at the BCC on Monday evenings at 7pm. This first session will go through June 1st. If you would like to join us or just want more information, please contact Ursula Mackey at ucbm@comcast.net or 603-642-9178.

Play Soccer Camp

We will be hosting one week of camp this year instead of two and the dates for that camp are July 27-31. There will be two separate programs that week, one for Tots (ages 4-6, from 5:30-7pm) and one for Juniors (ages 7-12, from 9am-12pm). Brochures and registration forms are now available. Online signups will also be accepted at playsoccercamps.com (look under camps and Brentwood, NH). The cost is \$107 for the Juniors camp and \$75 for the Tots camp.

Attention Future Babysitters!

We are again planning a babysitting training course in early August, so look in next month's Newsletter or online for dates and cost. First Aid and CPR classes are held from time to time at the Town Office building; check the Red Cross website for class schedules. Register online at www.greatbayredcross.org or by calling 766-5440. Discount if taking more than one course.

Think Summer! **Discount Water Country tickets** will be available again this Summer. Tickets will be \$25 and can be purchased at the Recreation office after May 15.

Please continue to watch here, as well as our website, for additional summer programs!

Playground Update

Are you interested in being part of a committee to expand the Brentwood Recreation playground with a new toddler area and Pavilion? Please contact the Recreation Department if you can share your time and talent on this project.

Facilities Rental

Our weekends at the Community Center are filling up fast with birthdays, showers, and other events all through the spring and summer. If you're interested in booking a date, please don't delay—it's getting to be a busy place! (And don't forget that Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates!)

Don't forget the website.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov. Necessary forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director

642-6400 ext. 20

recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 9 am-3pm

Commission meetings: fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Report from Your State Representative

The state budget was the primary issue before the NH House in early April. By law, the budget must be balanced. Because the economic recession has seen revenues plummet, the House Finance Committee reluctantly recommended certain cuts in state programs, a rise in some benefit costs, and some tax increases. At first the committee's findings were endorsed by all of its 24 members, but later the committee's Republicans opposed them. In the House all but a handful of Democrats and no Republicans supported the two budget bills, HB 1 and HB 2. Neither side was happy with the outcome, which was an attempt to spread the pain. Various amendments, which would have produced an unbalanced budget or were otherwise problematical, were voted down. The majority killed an opposition proposal centered around an across-the-board 13 percent cut in state agencies' funding, which would have had a harmful impact on schools and on state agencies' functions such as law enforcement, Fish and Game services, Medicaid, agricultural services, family assistance, courts, parks and recreation, etc.

The two bills were passed by votes of 193*-174 and 182*-165 respectively (as in previous reports, my vote is indicated by an asterisk). They had features I did not support, but faced with an up or down vote on the whole package, I voted in favor to help avoid a harsher alternative. HB 1 and HB 2 have gone on to the Senate, which doubtless will make some substantial changes. But since much of their content will survive, I'll lay out their main elements.

HB1 comprises the budget items, which include meeting the obligation under law to fully fund an adequate education in NH schools; restoration of rooms and meals revenue to towns and cities (removed in the governor's budget); reduction of overtime in state prisons to avoid cutting corrections officers' positions; and funding for drug and alcohol programs, a catastrophic illness program, funds for HIV/Aids service organizations, assistance to needy children and seniors, and (with help from federal stimulus funds) repair and maintenance of roads.

State agencies will not get the increases they requested; some will have their budgets cut back to 2008 levels. The House agreed with the governor's

proposal to close a prison in Laconia and to lay off as many as 250 state employees. Some 400 vacant positions will not be filled. \$83 million for school construction was dropped from the budget.

To most House members the revenue measures in HB2 were more controversial than the budget proposal itself. The proposed taxes include a 5% tax on capital gains in excess of \$5,000 (\$10,000 for a couple), a 10% tax on gambling winnings, an 8% tax on estates over \$2 million (\$4 million for a couple), an increase in rooms and meal tax from 8% to 8.75%, a 5% increase in the gasoline tax per year for three years, a tax of 35 cents per pack of cigarettes. The current tax on dividends and interest in excess of \$2,400 will be reduced, with no taxes levied on the first \$5,000 earned (\$10,000 for a couple). Pension contributions by state employees will be increased by two percent for two years.

Apart from the budget measures, the House bills receiving the most public attention and press coverage were those that the House took up in late March: repealing the death penalty, legalizing medicinal use of marijuana, legalizing same-sex marriage, and providing civil rights protections for transgender persons.

After voting 209*-65 to establish a commission to study the death penalty in New Hampshire, the House took up a bill that would outright repeal the death penalty. Opponents of repeal maintained that there are some crimes of such magnitude as to warrant a death penalty and that repeal would do a disservice to police officers. The other side of the argument was that studies have shown that the death penalty is not a deterrent. More important, innocent people can be, and some probably have been, executed. Some House members who were undecided were swayed by a powerful account by a representative whose father had been murdered. He described the killing, his emotions, how they evolved, and why he opposed the death penalty. A motion in favor of repeal passed by 193*-174. 31 Republicans were among the yea votes and 45 Democrats among the nays. Within minutes after the vote, the governor announced he would veto the bill if it made it though the Senate.

I was one of the sponsors of the bill to legalize the medical use of marijuana. The lead sponsor, Representative Evelyn Merrick, was herself a cancer patient who had used marijuana to ease extreme nausea during her treatment. The bill was carefully drafted to ensure as well as possible that it would be applied under a doctor's care, not be misused, and apply only to debilitating medical conditions of a chronic or terminal nature that had gone on for at least three months. In the debate, one speaker told of his son, whose suffering with terminal cancer included, along with pain, extreme nausea and a resulting inability to eat. When prescribed medications failed to help him, a suggestion to try marijuana was acted upon. The marijuana greatly alleviated his symptoms and, his father said, made his

final days much more bearable. 34 Republicans joined 200 Democrats in a 234*-138 vote to pass the bill.

Debate, parliamentary maneuvering, and voting on the gay marriage bill, HB 436, took three hours. Two gay House members spoke movingly of the impact that unequal rights have had on their lives, and supporters of the bill thought it had a good chance of passage. However, the "ought to pass" motion was defeated by one vote (182-183). Two subsequent efforts to definitively kill the bill failed, as efforts by bill supporters to persuade some members to change their vote paid off. A motion that the bill was inexpedient to legislate was defeated, 189-177. Next a motion to reconsider passed by a fifteen-vote margin. Then came the second ought to pass motion. As happened during each preceding vote, the tension was palpable during the half-minute delay between the opening of voting and the appearance of the result on the electronic scoreboard. The final vote was 186*-179.

New Hampshire law protects people from discrimination based on their age, sex, race, creed, color, etc. HB 415 added transgender persons to those who are protected. Opponents turned what was a straightforward civil rights issue into what became known as the "bathroom bill." They argued that the bill would result in men wearing wigs going into female bathrooms and endangering children. But such behavior could take place as it is without the bill, and it was ludicrous, as well as inflammatory, to paint the bill in a false light. Passed by the House, the bill died in the Senate April 29.

That same day the Senate passed the medical marijuana bill by a 14-10 vote. Governor Lynch has expressed concerns about the bill but has not said he will veto it. The death penalty bill has died, at least for now, in the Senate, where it was tabled. Somewhat surprisingly, the senators voted 13-11 in favor of the gay marriage bill. Because they amended it, the bill will come back to the House in May for another vote. If the House passes it again, it will go to the governor, who, although he has not stated that he will veto it, does not like the bill.

The Senate also tabled a seat belt law (a "secondary" law that is invoked only if a driver is not wearing a belt when stopped for a traffic violation or involved in an accident).

The well over 300 other bills considered by the House in late March and in April included many of general interest (e.g., an increase in the tax on beer, which was killed by a 314*-35 vote). Space doesn't allow me to go into these, but those who want to read an account of them, and full details of the budget, can read House Journals on the web at www.gencourt.state.nh.us/ns. Click on "NH House", then select "Calendars & Journals."

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Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

???? The **Ladies Night Movie** on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. will be a Mystery Night -- a new release is the most we can say. Join us and be surprised and we promise pleased. ?????

The **book discussion** on Monday evening, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. will be *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. This should be an interesting read as Ms. Hurston, a novelist, folklorist, and anthropologist wrote this highly acclaimed novel, a classic of black literature.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the New Hampshire Humanities Council, we will be presenting a very special program on Thursday evening, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. for all of you **music lovers** ... **"Popular Music during WWII, Propaganda to Boost Morale"** ... with crowd favorite, Calvin Knickerbocker using 35 recording excerpts, some well-known and others obscure, to explore the World War II era and the changes this music wrought in the culture and how music was used to unify the country and increase morale both at home and abroad in the military.

Open Season Two is the **Friday Night flick** on May 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Violet Linden generously bequeathed a sum of money to the library in her will. We always try very hard to make sure that any money left to the library is used to reflect the giver's interests and honor their memory. In Vi's case, we know that her interest in history was of long standing. We decided that it might be nice to provide passes for our patrons to historical sites. We can **now offer passes to the Museum of New Hampshire History in Concord; The Fells**, which was the home of John Hay, Abraham Lincoln's private secretary and assistant, located in Newbury; **and Canterbury Shaker Village**. We hope our patrons will take advantage of these as well as all of the other passes available for their enjoyment of summer in New Hampshire.

Mother's Day is on May 10 and Father's Day is on June 21. We know that very often children ask questions of their parents (sometimes many a day) and there are no answers -- or at least no easy answers. We will have a new display of children's fiction and non-fiction books that might help you in your never-ending quest to provide the right answers. Thanks to the Harriet Gove Memorial Fund, we are able to celebrate our parents' special days with this new information center.

Our library grounds are looking good once again. Three Phillips Exeter Academy people, Eva Elmore, Alli Novatcheva and Michelle Dionne, volunteered time on Earth Day to help Joyce Keegal with the initial work on our new Children's Garden. Thanks go to the trio from the Academy as well as the Brentwood Gardeners, who came to clean up the winter's mess. The Brentwood Road Crew had a big job removing all of the downed

limbs from the big ice storm and we appreciate their efforts.

Joyce Miller is on another quest ... yarn, any color, any texture, fuzzy or not ... she just needs yarn. Ours is not to question why, ours is just to pass on the appeal.

Marilyn Morehead, Library Director

Swasey Parent Faculty Group

Mark your calendars for the next meeting:

May 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Swasey School Library

During this meeting new officers will be voted into office and the fundraising ideas for next year will be discussed further to make sure we can meet the budget that we put into place during the April meeting. All PFG Executive Board positions are open for next year. If you are interested in running for a position please email Mrs. Ostrowski (jostrowki@sau16.org). Don't forget to attend the May meeting to find out more about each position and to participate in the election.

Congratulations to Heather Clark and Mandi Elmore, the winners of the April Meeting drawing. They went home with wonderful gift baskets.

Box Tops for Education -- This year has been a great success so far, so keep clipping those box tops. We are very close to meeting our goal of raising half the money for a new sound system for the school! Send in box tops with your child, drop them off at the Brentwood Library or bring them to the next PFG meeting.

Power of the Penny -- The children decided to save pennies to pay for playground equipment this year and they did a great job. The children saved and contributed enough pennies to purchase five tetherball set ups. Great Job Swasey!

Teacher Luncheon -- We are getting ready for the end-of-the-year teacher luncheon and will be looking for donations of food, raffle prizes and lunch room aides for the day. Find the form in the Wednesday folder.

As we get closer to the end of the school year we would like to reflect on our goals and accomplishments. This year we set out to raise funds to support curriculum, support our teachers with classroom money, celebrate our teachers with two luncheons, provide community events, give the children a chance to give input on how to spend money they raise, and raise money to purchase a new sound system for the school. With the support of the community we were able to meet all of our goals. We thank you and look forward to finishing the year with a wonderful teacher luncheon.

PFG Website -- if you have questions or need more information about any of our events please visit our website <http://swaseypfg.pbwiki.com/>

Pam Carr

**Household Hazardous Waste
Collection dates are:**

Saturday May 9 in Hampton at the "old town hall parking lot" - Junction of Academy Ave. and Winnacunnet Road and across from the Congregational Church.

Saturday, September 12 in Brentwood at the Town Highway Shed on Middle Road. Both locations will be open from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon.

Copies of the brochure listing what is and isn't accepted are available at the Town Office at the Selectmen's Office.

Project Laundry List

"Project Laundry List" is making air-drying laundry acceptable and desirable as a simple and effective way to save energy." Visit the website:
www.laundrylist.org/

The Brentwood Energy Committee is offering a challenge to all Brentwood residents:

Why not hang your clothes out to dry (or hang them inside if the weather is bad) and watch your energy bills go down? The tumble dryer is just about the most energy consuming appliance in our households and you might be surprised that you really can do without it! Not only will you save energy (and money) but your clothes actually last longer when they are hung out to dry, and can also be something lovely to look at--colorful and varied fabrics of all shapes and sizes blowing in the breezes.

We invite residents to participate in PROJECT HANG IT OUT over the next six months and at the same time we encourage any visual artists (painters, photographers, etc.) writers or musicians to volunteer to capture Brentwood clotheslines in their own media.

We propose sponsoring an exhibit of clothesline artwork in the Brentwood Library at the end of 2009. To join, as a "hang it out" volunteer or as an artist willing to capture what is "hung out" -- contact any of us on the Brentwood Energy Committee:

Sue and Ray Jones (soozweb@comcast.net; 642-6620)
Margaret and Anton Kerkhove (amsv@comcast.net)
Joan Pratt (cpratt@exeter.edu; 778-8881)
Emily Schmalzer (schmalzer1@comcast.net; 642-5409)

(We have been inspired by the Rye Wash Day Project, which claimed that "if the thirty households involved in this project continue to hang their clothes on a line twice a week for a year, collectively they will have saved approximately 6,800 pounds of CO₂ from being emitted into the atmosphere.")

Brentwood Energy Committee

Brentwood Historical Society

Our monthly meeting on April 9 turned out to be a memorable evening. The speaker was Paulette Thyng Rose of Deerhill Road. She had spent several months pulling together pictures, history, memories and stories of Deerhill Road from about 1900 to the present, contacting some past residents and all current residents in the process. The result was a very interesting PowerPoint presentation -- "Deerhill Road, A Short Country Road with a Long History"-- plus a 64-page booklet, a copy of which she presented to the Historical Society. The audience included many residents of Deerhill Road who had contributed to the project. As Paulette said, this was not the end, but the beginning of more history to come, and new information and photos would always be welcome.

The May meeting. On **Thursday, May 14**, members will convene at 7:00 pm for a short business meeting. The public is cordially invited for **7:30 pm**, when the guest speaker will be **J. Dennis Robinson**, who will give a lively PowerPoint presentation on "The Making of Strawberry Banke" -- a program provided through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Dennis Robinson writes continuously about NH Seacoast history on his popular website www.seacoastnh.com. At his last appearance in Brentwood, a talk about his book on the history of hotel Wentworth-by-the-Sea, the audience was captivated by his talent for giving "the real story" -- the odd details, political intrigues, weird or funny incidents, that are almost always involved in history. He will be on hand afterward to sign his latest book, *Strawberry Banke, A Seaport Museum 400 Years in the Making* -- 400 pages, 375 photos -- which will be available for \$35.00.

Saturday, June 6, 10 am-1pm -- Museum open to the public. In addition to the historical displays, books on Brentwood history will be available to purchase.

Thursday, June 11 -- monthly meeting, short business meeting at 7:00 pm, public cordially invited for 7:30. The speaker will be the Rev. George E. Moore, who often portrays George Washington at local historical events. He will talk on one of his favorite topics, the great American historical documents.

We are continuing to work on establishing a library corner in the museum. We also hope to announce soon a date for a spring Antiques & Heirloom Valuation Day at the museum. For information call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635, or Norman Wilson, Curator, 772-6997.

Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society

COME PLANT A VEGETABLE GARDEN.

**Good for the economy and wonderful for the soul.
Rich soil, full sun, rototilled beds.
Feel welcome to call Audrey at 679-5890.**

Brentwood Cub Scouts Support Earth Day

On April 18th, twenty-three enthusiastic Cub Scouts, siblings and parents from Pack 192 gathered at Swasey Central School and started picking up trash and debris while moving downed branches into piles from Dalton Road to Crawley Falls Road (Rt. 125 to Middle Road). Nearly 85 pounds of trash and debris were collected in little over an hour. As a finale, scouts and families hiked back through the woods from upper Crawley Falls Road to SCS for some well-deserved snacks and drinks. A "job well done" to Pack 192's scouts and their families for making a difference around our town.

Tom Ryan, Pack 192 Cubmaster
www.brentwoodpack192.com
679.4616 / (cell) 603.247.1512

Brentwood Youth in 4-H Activities Day

The annual County Activities Day for all youth in the Rockingham County UNH Coop. Extension 4-H programs took place Saturday, March 21 at the UNH Thomson School in Durham. Participants gave action exhibits and presentations, which are a basic part of the 4-H program. Skills learned this way contribute to a young person's success in school, in their careers and in personal interaction with others, according to a 4-H spokesman. Brentwood young people took part as follows:

Demonstration, explaining a process or how to make or do something: Alex Marcoux, "Plant Growth," Patrick Marcoux, "A Tackle Box," Samantha Marcoux, "Chincoteague Ponies." Public Speaking: Grace Magnusson, "What Is Wrong with Our Youth?" Interpretive Reading: Julia Kneeland, "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine. Action Exhibit: Julia Kneeland and Grace Magnusson on "Making Button Bracelets." Photography and Display of Mounted Photos: Julia Kneeland, Michael Liebfried, Rebecca-Lyn Liebfried.

Achievement

Jillian Laham, daughter of Mike and Lisa Laham of Peabody Drive, will graduate *cum laude* from Arizona State University on May 13 with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology.

Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy and friendship are extended by their friends and neighbors to the family of Alden "Pat" Neal of Haigh Road, who died suddenly on March 31. He worked with his son Brian and crew at his excavating company Pat Neal & Son. He had been road agent in Newfields for many years, and had volunteered his time and equipment for many area projects such as ball fields, playgrounds and other site work.

Friends of the Library Request Donation of Shelving

The Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library are looking for shelving to use in the basement of the library. These shelves will be used to house books which we collect during the year and sell each spring in our annual book sale. If you happen to have any that you'd like to donate, contact Sue Mitchell at sjmitch@comcast.net or at 772-6003.

Sue Mitchell

**Friends of the Library & Brentwood Gardeners
BOOK SALE & PLANT SALE
Mary Bartlett Library
SATURDAY, MAY 16
9:00 AM – NOON or Sell-Out!**

Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will meet at the Community Center on **Wednesday, May 27**, to enjoy a Lobster Picnic with all the fixings. As usual, they will gather between 11:00-11:30am, start the short business meeting at 11:30, and begin the lunch service soon afterward. Members will be telephoned to confirm what items to bring. Everyone is reminded to bring his/her own nutcracker! The picnic is being held in Brentwood instead of driving to a distant lobster restaurant. The lobsters will be purchased locally, already cooked, and brought to the Community Center. The charge will not be known until closer to the date. Members will learn the charge when they are called about what foods to bring, and the money will be collected at the picnic.

Gene Orcutt has kindly agreed to get the lobsters and bring them to the Center. He must have your name on his list in order to make the purchase. If you did not sign up at the April meeting of the Seniors, **call Gene at 642-4597**. Guests and visitors are welcome as usual.

Linda Rousseau for the Seniors

Daddy Daughter Dance

The 2nd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on **June 6, 2009 from 6 – 8 p.m.** at the **Recreation Center on Rte. 125**. The cost of the dance is \$15 per couple and \$5 dollars for any additional daughters. A professional photographer will be at the dance to take portraits for anyone interested. Cost for the photo packages is \$15 and it includes two copies of the 5x7 photo taken. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the dance and provide food items. If you are interested please contact Kellie Day. To sign up for the dance, print the registration form found on the Brentwood Recreation website (<http://www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation.php>) or contact Kellie Day at kelrisday@comcast.net.

Kellie Day

Christmas in July Fair

A "Christmas in July" Craft & Vendor Fair is being organized for Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 at Pilgrim United Church of Christ Brentwood-Kingston (197 Middle Road in Brentwood.) Local craftspeople and vendors interested in renting a table (\$25.00 for one day or \$35 for two days) can let us know either by e-mail to pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org (please indicate July Craft Fair in the subject line) or call Faith Levesque at 679-9537.

Faith Levesque

Update on Linnea's Dream

Hello, Everybody!

We just wanted to take a quick moment to update everyone on the status of our fundraising for Linnea's Dream. Linnea and our whole family have been working very hard to raise funds in this economy. We realize what a special town we live in with the encouragement and kind notes we have received. To date we are still trying to raise money for just Linnea to go. At this point we realize we may have been overly optimistic that I could do it with her, but as long as she gets her chance for this special opportunity, that's all that matters. No matter what, we will ensure she goes. We have had a spaghetti supper and silent auction, and a pancake breakfast, and we are now going to be selling raffle tickets with some wonderful prizes – if you would like more information, please feel free to call, we would be more than happy to sell you tickets! Prizes include a brand new 700-dollar leather recliner; microdermabrasion (\$500 value), ½ ton of N.E. Pellets for a pellet stove, and a \$250. cash prize. The drawing will be held in June.

We would just like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone who has helped us. We appreciate it more than you know. Thank you so very much.

Holly Lemerise
54 Prescott Rd. 772-9735

Brentwood Graduates

The *Newsletter* is interested in news of Brentwood residents who have earned a diploma, certificate, degree or associate's degree.

Exeter High School will supply us with the list of its Brentwood graduates, which will appear in the July/August issue of this *Newsletter*. But we need the help of families and friends to learn about all others. Don't be hesitant to let us know about your graduates. They deserve our recognition and their families deserve credit for the support they've given. Please call or e-mail me – phone 772-4534, lindarou@rcn.com – with your information. Thank you.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Springtime Rummage Sale

A **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held on **Saturday, May 9**, at Pilgrim Church on Route 111A in Brentwood. Lots of household items and toys. There will also be a Bake Table full of Goodies. The sale will run from **8:00 a.m. until Noon**. Everything priced to go. You won't want to miss this one!

Gene Orcutt
orcu416@surfglobal.net

Town-Wide Yard Sale for "A Place to Grow"

Brentwood and Fremont Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6, 2009, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For the bargain price of \$25, "A Place to Grow" will take care of all publicity, maps and advertising. You simply hold a yard sale at your home and keep the proceeds! Your participation fee of \$25 and donations will benefit the children and families of "A Place to Grow" by supporting the purchase of new equipment and supplies.

Don't want to deal with your own yard sale? Items in good condition can be donated directly to the school for our yard sale, at 24 Commercial Drive, Brentwood. To register for this exciting event:

By Mail: Complete the form below and mail it to "A Place to Grow" along with a check in the amount of \$25, postmarked by May 23. In Person: Monday – Friday 7am-5:30 pm at "A Place to Grow," 24 Commercial Drive, Brentwood. Please register before May 23 to ensure your location on the map. Late registrations will not appear on the map.

To make a donation: Schedule a drop-off time by calling Jen Briggs at 401-1499 or email at

brentwoodyardsale@yahoo.com

Items in good condition can be donated directly to the school for our yard sale. We will accept furniture, household items, children's items (clothing must be clean in good condition), books, toys, etc. Please, no items that require disposal fees if not purchased like electronics and appliances, unless previously approved.

Mail Application to: A Place to Grow, 24 Commercial Dr., Brentwood, NH 03833. Please print:

Name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

(For confirmation purposes)

At my house; address is _____

Please circle the type of goods or specialty items to be sold. This breakdown appears on the map.

- a) Household items b) Infant/toddler toys/games/books
c) Children's toys/games/books d) Clothing e) Exercise equipment
f) Furniture g) Books h) Electronics
i) Other (specialty items or categories/goods not listed): _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 9 **Rummage Sale – 8:00 am- Noon, Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road**
Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Hampton. See page 7..
- May 11 School Board – 6:00 pm, Swasey School
- May 12 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 13 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 14 Historical Society -- **7:30 pm, J. Dennis Robinson, "The Making of Strawberry Banke,"** at the Museum
- May 15 Brentwood Energy Committee – 1:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- May 16 **Brentwood Gardeners Plant Sale – 9:00 am to sellout, Bartlett Library**
Friends of the Library Book Sale & Coffee/doughnuts – 9:00 am- 12:00, Bartlett Library
- May 18 Library Trustees – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
Book Discussion group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- May 19 Parent Faculty Group, 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- May 21 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Program **"Popular Music during WWII, Propaganda to Boost Morale" –7:00 pm, Bartlett Library**
- May 23 **Willow Pond Community Farm Plant Sale, 9 – 12, Pilgrim Church parking lot**
- May 25 **Memorial Day ceremony – 8:00 am, Tonry Cemetery, Middle Road**
- May 26 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Town Office Building
- May 27 Brentwood Seniors Anniversary Lobster Picnic at Community Center – gather from 11-11:30 am
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, **speaker Ken Liberty from Maine Peony Society** –Community Ctr.
- May 29 **Friday Night Flick 7:00 pm, Library – "Open Season Two"**
- June 1 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- June 2 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- June 3 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen's Association – 7:30 pm, Fire House
- June 4 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Planning Board -- 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- June 6 **Town-Wide Yard Sale, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, to benefit A Place to Grow. See page 9.**
Brentwood Museum open from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, 140 Crawley Falls Rd.
Daddy Daughter Dance – 6-8 pm, Community Center. See page 8.

The public is welcome at all above events

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